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August 05, 2003**Apparatus and Process for Mixing Two Fluids****FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

This invention relates to an apparatus and a process for mixing at least two fluids, particularly fluids having differing viscosities.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

For the industrial production of fluid mixtures, such as beverages or suspensions, consisting of two or more fluid components, a first and a second fluid are often made to flow from two separate fluid lines conducting the two fluids separately into a fluid line forwarding the two fluids together.

The mixing ratio of such a fluid mixture of predeterminable mass or predeterminable volume to be produced by mixing a first fluid, held in a first fluid line, and a second fluid, held in a second fluid line, is commonly set with the aid of a ratio control system. A process implementing such ratio control commonly comprises the steps of:

causing the first fluid to flow into a third fluid line, connected at least intermittently to the first fluid line, in accordance with a predeterminable set point for a volumetric or mass flow rate of the first fluid;

causing the second fluid to flow into the third fluid line, which is also at least intermittently connected to the second fluid line;

measuring the volumetric or mass flow rate of the first fluid and generating a first measurement signal, which represents the measured flow rate of the first fluid;

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